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## A True Family Affair

summer 2012



The Ohio State University College of Optometry



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Welcome to the Summer 2012 issue of the BuckEYE Optometry Alumni Magazine.

Our cover story features the Studebaker family, which has produced 7 optometrists, 6 of whom graduated from our College. I'm inspired by the stories of how hard they worked to put themselves through school and provide for their families since emigrating from Solingen, Germany. They truly espouse the American dream.

As they do every summer, our graduating students welcomed the season by saying farewell. Once again, our students have impressed everyone (no surprise to us) by winning many awards, which were presented at the Graduation Awards Banquet. Congratulations to all of our graduates, and we eagerly look forward to writing about your accomplishments in future issues. I would also like to thank Dr. Alden Haffner, president emeritus of the State University of New York, State College of Optometry, for being our Convocation speaker.

This issue's featured member of the Dean's Advisory Council is **Richard Marquardt (OD'97)**. Dr. Marquardt has served on the council for four years, and we have worked with him in several other capacities since he was a student. Many of our graduates have also been fortunate enough to have him as an Extern Preceptor.

We were elated to celebrate with our first year students (Class of 2015) as they received their white clinic coats. We are so proud of them for achieving this milestone in their journey as optometrists. They are the last class to receive their white coats under the tutelage of **Robert Newcomb (OD'71, MPH)**, who retired on May 30. We wish him all the best.

Our own **Sally Haltom**, Director of Student Affairs, received the University Distinguished Staff Award. This is the first time the award has been given to a staff member at the College of Optometry, and we look forward to her recognition at the OSU vs. Purdue game. Congratulations Sally!

Several members of our clinic staff are also getting some well deserved recognition in this issue. **Alysia Benson, Freda Dallas, Brandy Williams**, and **Sheree Wynn** all provide outstanding service and enrich the lives of everyone with whom they work. We are so grateful to have them here at the College and for this opportunity to get to know them better.

As usual, I'm almost out of room, but there are many other noteworthy alumni, faculty, staff, and students that I'm sure you will enjoy reading about in this issue of our magazine. Thank you all for doing what you do so well.

With warm, personal regards and the hope that you enjoy what's left of summer,

**Melvin D. Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH**  
Dean, OSU College of Optometry

## Summer 2012

What a great time to be a Buckeye! And I want to express that from an OSU College of Optometry standpoint. I hope that you are aware by now that our Dean, Mel Shipp, was recognized as the Ohio Optometrist of the Year and also the AOA Optometrist of the Year. Mel likes to remind me that he is unique in that he is a Buckeye by choice as a result of his desire to be our Dean. I like to think that it is effective brainwashing by Optometry Alumni and Friends (OAF).

Our next source of Buckeye pride comes from Dr. Jerry Lowther. Jerry is the 2012 recipient of the Medalist Award from the Ohio State University Alumni Association. This is the highest honor given by the OSUAA. You can visit the OSUAA website and read Dr. Lowther's bio. You will be impressed to say the least. Jerry will receive his award September 14 just prior to the OAF banquet that evening at which Dr. Joe Barr will be receiving the OAF Distinguished Alumni Medal. Jerry and Joe are very close friends and it is going to be a fantastic evening.

Speaking of Buckeye Pride, I have to pass along our thanks to Dr. Bob Newcomb. Bob retired from the College at the end of May and I have to say his last White Coat Ceremony would have made Woody Hayes proud. Bob and I have been going at each other about Buckeye Pride for many years. He has always been the self-proclaimed Optometry's Number One Buckeye fan. Due to his retirement, Bob decided to make an adjustment to our status. Bob took me by complete surprise at the White Coat Ceremony by bestowing me with an official certificate issued by (get this): Robert D. "Buckeye Bob" Newcomb, Number One Buckeye Fan *Emeritus*. I certainly appreciate finally being recognized as Number One Buckeye Fan, but I still feel this *Emeritus* title keeps me in my place. Thankfully Bob is maintaining his seat on the OAF board, so the debate will continue....

Please let me extend OAF apologies to all of our membership in our mix up in dues mailings this year. The OSU data base has been going through changes that have affected several areas for OAF. Dr. Terry Huston, OAF treasurer and webmaster, and Rachel Childress, our College Director of Development, are working very hard at getting these issues resolved.

As always, "Affirm thy Friendship, O-HI-O!"

**Roger L. Saneholtz (OD'74)**  
President, OSU Optometry Alumni & Friends



## GUOtC



One of my teaching techniques to help diabetic patients understand what controls their blood sugar is to remind them that it is these 3 things; 1. What you put in your mouth (diet), 2. How much you get up off the couch (GUOtC) (exercise), & 3. medication. The patient controls all three. Their physician prescribes medications and dosage, but the patient chooses their compliance.

GUOtC can apply to enriching or advancing one's life as well. Each of us had to apply for and then go to college, had to complete our undergraduate work, had to apply to optometry school, complete the course of study, and pass licensing exams to perform our chosen profession. While it is sometimes easy to underestimate this accomplishment once completed, remind yourself how many of your high school classmates have completed doctoral degrees.

For me, I never cease to be amazed how life can be enriched by GUOtC. An example is our feature article. The research for this article allowed the opportunity to reconnect and deepen a relationship with my old friend, Joe Studebaker. I developed a new relationship with his dad, Jim, and his brother, Pete. Additionally, I reconnected with Park, who was a couple years ahead of me in school. All of that was great fun and enriching.

But even more was the genealogy. As we compared the Studebaker genealogy and my mother's 50+ years of genealogical work on our families, we discovered that their immigrant ancestor, Peter Studebaker, along with his family, including his brother and cousin, traveled from Germany to Rotterdam to board the ship Harle, and made the journey across the Atlantic Ocean, arriving in Philadelphia in 1736.

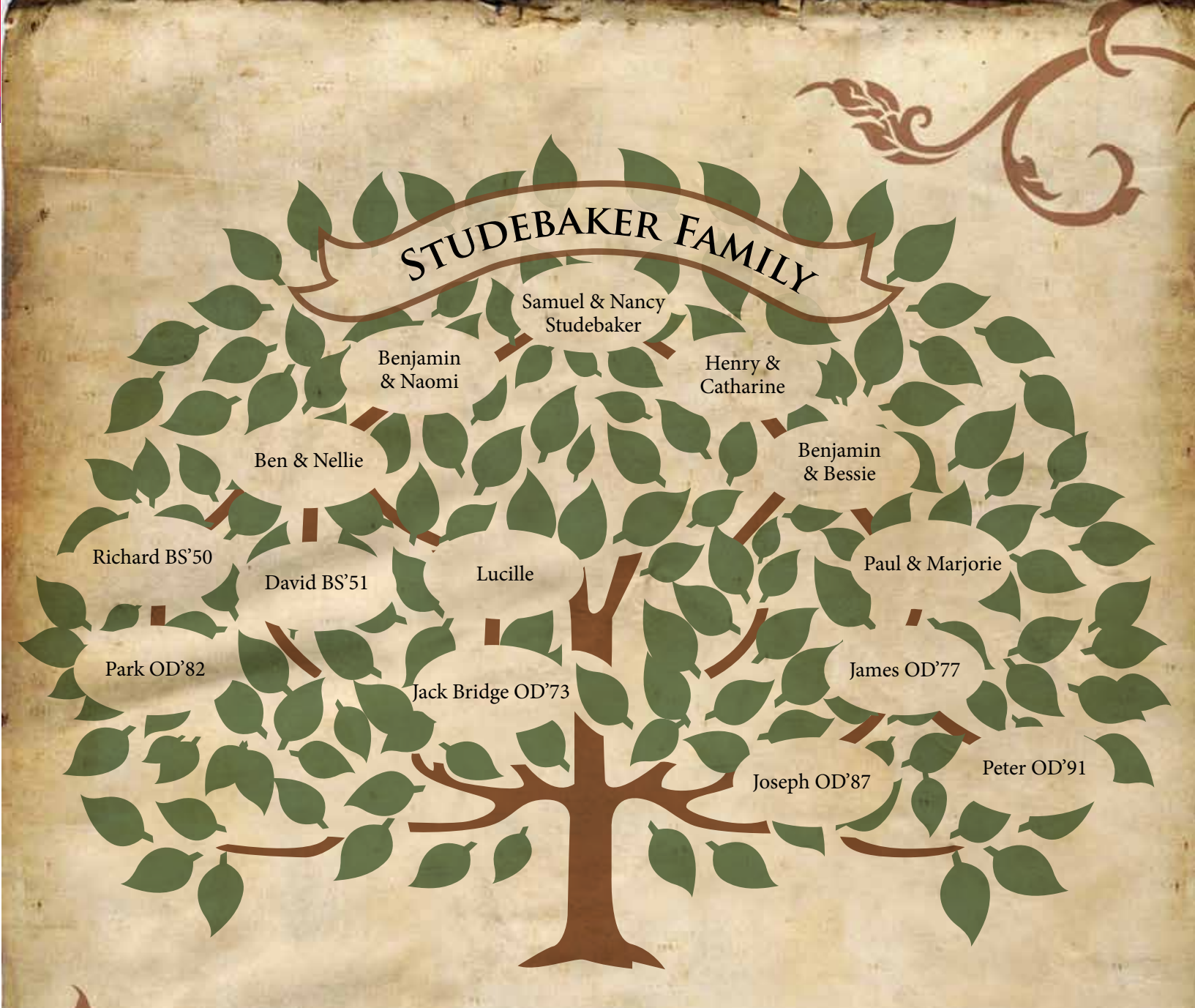
We also discovered that my ancestors, Peter Rench, Jacob Crowel, and Jacob Fulman and their families were on the same ship, same crossing, as well as Jonathan Hager, who founded Hagerstown, Maryland. Rench, Peter Studebaker, and Hager all settled in the same area of Frederick (later Washington) County in Maryland. In September 1749, Peter & his wife, Susannah Studebaker sold 150 acres of land, a property called "The Strife", to Peter Rench for 150 pounds. A couple generations later, these same families are found in Montgomery and Miami Counties of Ohio. Across several generations, Mom has identified 20 collateral ancestors who married Studebakers.

As Joe and I reflected on these discoveries, we thought it was pretty cool that these folks' descendants (us) would cross paths 270 years after they crossed the Atlantic Ocean together.

The migration of these folks after immigration to North America begs several questions. Did they know one another in Europe, or did they meet and become friends on the ship? Were they close friends who decided to migrate together from Europe? What were their dreams of North America as they arrived, not knowing there would be a revolution 40 years later?

Personally, my life was enriched by this event and many others in life, simply because I decided to GUOtC. While life may be enriched by the latest episode of American Idol, Dancing With the Stars, or Big Brother, it is the personal relationships that will truly enrich your life.

**Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)**  
BuckEYE Editor



## A True Family Affair

by Jeffrey A. Myers (OD'84)

Some of us say that vision care is in our blood. Some will say they passed that passion for caring for the vision of other folks to their family. Some families have produced husband-wife, brother-brother, or parent-child optometry families. A few families have produced three or more optometrists in their families. But for the Studebaker family of west central Ohio, a total of seven optometrists are in their family, in only three generations, and six are graduates of The Ohio State University College of Optometry.





Circa 1948, James' grandfather, Benjamin Franklin Studebaker (2nd from right) and his uncle, Dale Henry Studebaker (2nd from left)

The story goes that two brothers and a cousin emigrated with families from Solingen in Germany to what is now Pennsylvania in 1736 on the ship Harle. The name was Stutenbecker then and had been Staudenbecker earlier, and they were blade makers in Solingen. The cousin was killed by Indian attack in Pennsylvania in 1756. The descendents of one brother made wheelbarrows and wagons, growing a huge business by supplying wagons to the military in the Civil War. That business eventually became the Studebaker Corporation that produced automobiles from 1902 to the 1960's. The other brother's family became farmers. All of our optometry folks are descended from the farmer brother. Interestingly, our optometry Studebakers still have a 19th century Studebaker wagon in their possession.

So, the optometry genealogy goes like this: **Richard Studebaker (BS'50)** was followed by his brother, **David Studebaker (BS'51)**. Their sister's son (their nephew) Jack Bridge graduated from Indiana University School of Optometry with an OD degree in 1973. Richard and David's second cousin once removed, **James Studebaker (OD'77)** was next. He was followed by Richard's son, **Park Stude-**

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**SEED POTATOES**

**JANUARY 1949**

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

Prior to optometry, James was a professional model at age 9, earning a box of Hershey bars in return for his modeling, which he reports was a 'big deal' in 1949. The Studebaker potato operation produced most of the potatoes used by Mike Sell's Potato Chip Co. at this time.

baker (OD'82), and then Jim's sons, **Joseph Studebaker (OD'87)** and **Peter Studebaker (OD'91)**. A multi-generation genealogical chart opens this article on page 7.

We share a profile about each of these folks so that you might get to know them a little better.

**Richard** is now 89 years old. He was a 1st Lieutenant, working as a navigator in the Army Air Corps during World War II, prior to entering optometry school. He originally considered Troy, Ohio to practice, but settled in Oakwood, Ohio. His original office was shared with other doctors on the main floor of a building, and he and his wife, Sue, used the basement and second floor as living quarters. Sue was valedictorian of her graduating class at Fairborn High School, and worked at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base until Park was born.

After Park was born and before his brother, Dana arrived, the family moved into the oldest home in Montgomery County. Built by John Ewing, a judge, in 1797, Quaker Hill became a perfect place to raise their children, and a great backdrop for Sue and Richard's passion of collecting antiques. Sue lectured frequently on antiques and the home was highlighted by the Williamsburg annual Antiques Forum. Richard shared the antique passion and also helped to write the Studebaker family history. He owned two Studebaker automobiles; a 1964 Avanti, and a 1931 President Roadster. The fourth owner of the Roadster, he restored it to museum quality, and won numerous 'best of show' recognitions at car shows.

Richard was president of his local Lions Club, and together, he and Sue were founding members of the Day-



Paul Wenger Studebaker, James' father and Richard and David's second cousin, graduated in 1928 in the first class from the General Motors Institute in Flint, Michigan, and worked for GM as a process engineer for 43 years. This photo is taken in front of the boarding house where he lived during his time at the GM Institute.





Joseph, Peter, James, Lana, Susie, Sam & Jesse in 2008 at James and Lana's 50th anniversary.

ton Antique Club, and the Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren. He and other optometrists demonstrated PMMA contact lenses at the Ohio State Fair, teaching fairgoers about insertion and removal of the contact lenses. In the early days when he only had two patients scheduled for the day, he would schedule them so that they would see one another. When Park joined the practice in 1982, Richard counseled Park that contact lens practice would be the most easily promoted specialty, and challenged him to excel at it. And recognizing that the practice would be entirely Park's one day, he let Park call the shots from the beginning. Richard retired in 2000.

**David** passed in December 2011 at the age of 98. He entered optometry on the counsel of his brother, who though younger, entered optometry before him. He was a 1936 graduate of Manchester College and worked as a teacher & coach at Catawba High School, as well as being a farmer and building contractor prior to attending The Ohio State University School of Optometry.

He served the profession as president of the Ohio Optometric Association and the Ohio State Board of Optometry Examiners. He served as president of the Springfield Lions Club, and president of the Ohio Lions Eye Research Board, and was a Melvin Jones Fellow. He practiced in Springfield, Ohio for 46 years to the age of 84. Many of those years were in practice with Dr. Dennis Roark, OD'70. He was credited with providing over 5000 complimentary eye examinations to the children of Springfield over the course of his career.

**James** had his first eye exam by cousin Richard at the age of 16. His first glasses were a low myopic correction and he broke one of his early pairs because he carried them in his back pocket. That exam was the catalyst for his career choice, as he was fascinated by Richard's decision to project letters onto a mountain background for accommodative control. This decision beat out his first love of trapping (he maintained 200 traps for muskrats and raccoons early in life) and his dream to be an Alaskan trapper.

He attended and played football as a 5'10" 180 lb offensive tackle for Manchester College. That is where he met and married his wife, Lana. He graduated from Indiana University School of Optometry in 1963, and went to practice in Englewood. He took time off from practice to finish the OD degree, which he did in 1977 at The Ohio State University College of Optometry. He remembers son, Joe, being at the office in playpen during working hours and seeing 18 patients during his first month in practice. Joe's wife, Tammy, had her first eye exam with Jim.

He suffered an office fire in 1978, which pushed him to a new building and better space that opened in 1980. Having always lived on a farm, growing pumpkins is something that he has done most of his life. During lean years of practice, the pumpkin sales kept the family financially secure. The pumpkin sales are what enabled the kids to go to college. He served on the Northmont Board of Education and on the board of the Studebaker Family National Association, and as a Senior Examiner on the National Board of Examiners in Optometry. He is a Charter Member of the Northmont Rotary Club. He and Lana have four sons, Joseph and Peter who are highlighted below, Sam, who is married to Amy, Jesse, and one daughter Susie, who is married to Tony.

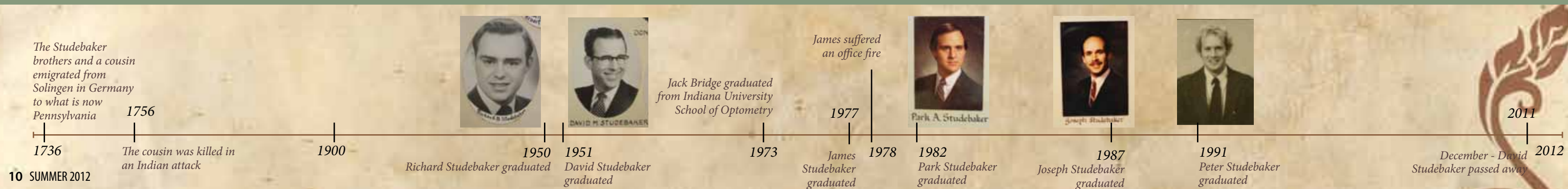
**Park** started his work career by bagging groceries. An accomplished pianist, he played piano, waited tables, and also sold cars to earn money to pay for college. He completed his undergrad prerequisites at OSU, earning a B.S. in microbiology. He considered medical school and dental school, rejecting the first because he felt the practice would be his life, and rejecting the second based on the work conditions. In the process, he shadowed his dad, and decided he could do this optometry thing.

He worked as a part-time Clinical Instructor at the college early in his career. He feels blessed by having had the opportunity to practice with his dad for 18 years, and was fortunate to have had free rein to manage the practice. He reports they never argued. His dad's guidance prompted him to be involved in the community in service clubs. He has enjoyed a variety of hobbies including being a private pilot, scuba diving, snow skiing and now golf. By his own admission, he is a better pilot than golfer. He is a member of the Dayton Country Club, and is on the Associate Board of the Dayton Art Institute.

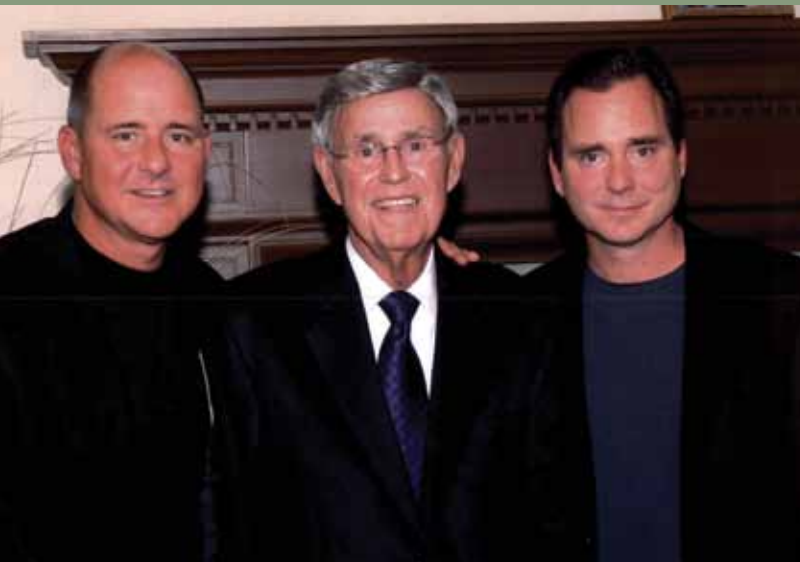
He is married to Susan, who is a banker. Their daughter, Christina, just completed her family practice residency and is pursuing a post-doctoral MPH at the University of North Carolina. Son Alex is married to Jodi and writes software for marketing to college students. And daughter Caroline is attending Miami University, studying biology, and shadowed her dad this summer for the first time.



Circa 1968, Joseph (left) is 6, and Peter (right) is 4, James is in the background to the right. They were supposedly working in one of the 7 or 8 family gardens at the time, picking up rocks or pulling weeds.







Park, Richard, and Dana



Front row: Jesse, Susie, Lana & Peter  
Back row: Sam, Joseph, and James

**Joe** worked in his Dad’s practice as a youth, cleaning the building & windows, edging lenses, and was fascinated by the early photochromic materials and how they could change from clear to tinted lenses. He did his undergraduate work at Ohio State and was accepted into optometry and medicine. His choice of optometry was based on a blending of interests in physical optics and lenses (astronomy is his hobby), a greater stability of hours and work, and it just looked fun to him. He graduated from the Ohio State University College of Optometry in 1987.

He credits **Michael Polasky (OD’69)** with giving him a strong base for examining patients, **Arol Augsburger (OD/MS’71)** and **Kevin Alexander (OD’76, PhD’79)** with strong clinical experience, and Richard Hill, OD, PhD with giving him an understanding of the entire profession. While he has served as president of the Ohio Optometric Association and was named Optometrist of the Year in Ohio, and has written numerous articles on a variety of topics for the profession, he remembers with humility his first day at Ohio State when he lost a shoe on the bus.

Joe is married to Tammy, a US Army veteran & veterinarian, and they have three children, Jimmy age 13, Marissa age 11, and Isaac age 9.

**Pete** also worked in his Dad’s practice in the lab when young. He remembers his early eye exams and feeling significant pressure sitting in a dark room to get the answer right on the red-green test. After earning his bachelor’s degree from Ohio State, he took a year off, and worked in a factory. During his undergraduate time, he had a corneal abrasion that was treated by Dr. Kevin Alexander. That experience really piqued his interest in optometry. He was accepted to optometry and medical school. He went to medical school for one day before deciding it wasn’t a good fit for him.

He, like Joe, sold pumpkins to help pay his way through school, and they both trimmed trees on a Christmas tree farm as well. He graduated from The Ohio State University College of Optometry in 1991. He is married to Susan and they have three children, Shelby age 19, Jacob age 17, and Rose age 13.

The Studebaker family has been a prominent name in the Miami Valley region of Ohio for a century and a half. Wagon-makers, automobile pioneers, a strong farming family and now, for the last 62 years, vision care has been one more place that the Studebaker family has left its mark on the community.

# 2012 Convocation



Dr. Haffner addresses the class of 2012 during convocation.

Members of the Class of 2012, their family, and friends were welcomed by Dean Melvin Shipp to the 45th College of Optometry Convocation on Saturday, June 9th. At the top of the program, Dr. E. Gordon Gee, President of The Ohio State University, congratulated the students and their families on behalf of the University. Dr. Alden Haffner, president emeritus of the State University of New York, State College of Optometry, eminent optometrist, academic leader, patron of the arts, and advocate of VA optometry, delivered the convocation address, *Your Leadership – Your Future*. **Lindsay Dieffenbaugher (OD’12)** president of the graduating class, provided warm words of appreciation on behalf of the class to family, friends, faculty and staff for their support over the past four years. Retiring faculty member Dr. Robert Newcomb led the singing of “Carmen, Ohio” at the close of the program.

Class members will be traveling across the country to share their newly acquired skills and knowledge. Some will do residencies in Nashville, Tennessee; Chicago, Illinois; Hampton, Virginia; San Francisco, California, as well as the central Ohio area just to highlight a few.



**Mandy Krug (OD’12)** is hooded by Associate Dean Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD



Graduates **Carly Wingert, Amy Lin, and Bianca Kostranchuk**





Lindsay Dieffenbauger (OD'12)



President Gee



Dean Melvin Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH

# Congratulations TO THE GRADUATES!

- \* Allen Raymond Bartholomew ..... Battle Creek, MI
- \* Philip Nathan Bastian, Jr. .... Snohomish, WA
- Angela Jean Beal.....Dublin, OH
- † Erin Marie Berg ..... Greensburg, IN
- Elizabeth Braun ..... Celina, OH
- Bryce D. Brown ..... Massillon, OH
- David M. Buck ..... Newport News, VA
- † Alyssa M. Childers ..... Johnstown, OH
- Todd J. Christensen ..... Orem, UT
- Jessica Ann Clark ..... Lisbon, IA
- † Ryan Corte ..... Novi, MI
- Andrea Marie Crabb ..... Chagrin Falls, OH
- † Lindsay Marie Dieffenbauger ..... Massillon, OH
- Lindsay Marie Elking ..... Saint Henry, OH
- Adam J. Fannin ..... Winchester, OH
- Peter Ze-Yu Fong ..... East Liverpool, OH
- † Sierra Garcia ..... Toledo, OH
- Derek Allen Gresko ..... Canton, OH
- Christie Marie Grieshop ..... Milan, OH
- Daniel Patrick Hickey ..... Columbus, OH
- † Garrett Keith Howell ..... Riverton, WY
- \*†† Amanda K. Huston ..... Columbus, OH
- † Wes Kristopher Immler ..... Lorain, OH
- Darcie Jerwers ..... Ottawa, OH
- † David W. Johnson ..... Portsmouth, OH
- Amy Lin Kasper ..... Highland Hts, OH
- Steven Ross Kocher ..... Bucyrus, OH
- Bianca Kostranchuk ..... Cleveland, OH
- Robert J. Kress ..... Caldwell, OH
- † Mandy Krug ..... Medford, WI

- \*† Mallory Kuhlmann Kuchem ..... Powell, OH
- Nikki Lee Lagendyk ..... Powell, OH
- Jocelyn Renee LaRoche ..... Bellaire, OH
- † Krystal L. Long ..... Detroit Lakes, MN
- David Alexander Luther ..... Brooklyn, OH
- Kelly Jo Makley ..... St. Marys, OH
- † Karen Elaine Marshall ..... Bellefontaine, OH
- Jody L. Mathews ..... Worthington, OH
- † Molly R. McDonald ..... Lakeville, MN
- \*†† Jillian F. Meadows ..... Fayetteville, WV
- Alex Dominic Nixon ..... Mount Vernon, OH
- \*† Andrew Noble ..... Wenatchee, WA
- Yukiko Oda ..... Houston, TX
- Carly M. Oslin ..... Youngstown, OH
- Troy Allen Pesek ..... Cleveland, OH
- Renee S. Rambeau ..... Tipp City, OH
- † Chelsea Cay Schmidt ..... Aberdeen, SD
- James A. Schultz ..... Lakewood, NY
- Kevin Skidmore ..... Windsor, NY
- Kyle D. Snyder ..... Dayton, OH
- Shahrokh Taghayyor ..... Mashad, IRAN
- Sarah Michele Talbott ..... Woodbury, MN
- Jolyn Thuy Vi Tran ..... San Jose, CA
- Sandra Katherine Travagianti ..... Broadview Hts, OH
- † Jeffrey Alan Unterbrink ..... Delphos, OH
- Matthew Lewis Ward ..... Ankeny, IA
- † Douglas S. Wiersma ..... Westlake, OH
- Danielle Catherine Wilhelm ..... Cincinnati, OH
- Adam Joseph Wood ..... Pittsburgh, PA
- Ari Tyler Wayne Yoder ..... Sugarcreek, OH

\* Indicates students completing both Doctor of Optometry and Master of Science in Vision Science programs.

† Indicates four-year members of Beta Sigma Kappa.

‡ Indicates Student Fellows, American Academy of Optometry.



"Buckeye" Bob Newcomb (OD'71, MPH) leads the graduates in Carmen Ohio



Sarah Talbott (OD'12) is hooded by Associate Dean Karla Zadnik



Mallory Kuchem (OD/MS'12) accepts the Bing Award from Don Mutti, OD, PhD



Ryan Corte (OD'12) is hooded by Associate Dean Karla Zadnik



## Graduation Banquet

CLASS OF 2012

## And the awards go to...

### Patient Care Excellence Award

*Sponsored by Carl Zeiss Vision*  
David Wayne Johnson, OD

### Outstanding Ocular Disease Extern Award

*Sponsored by Odyssey Medical and Volk*  
Kelly Jo Makley, OD  
Jillian Faith Meadows, OD, MS

### Community Outreach Award for Clinical Excellence

*Sponsored by Select Optical and the OSU College of Optometry Faculty*  
Mandy Marie Krug, OD

### Vision Therapy Award

*Sponsored by the College of Optometrists in Vision Development and the OSU College of Optometry Faculty*  
Nikki Lagendyk, OD

### Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Clinical Excellence Award

*Sponsored by MiraMed Tech*  
Jocelyn Renee LaRoche, OD

### GP Lens Institute Clinical Excellence Award

*Sponsored by GPLI and the College of Optometry Faculty*  
Jolyn Thuy Vi Tran, OD

### Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care Award

Mallory Kuhlmann Kuchem, OD, MS

### Hoya Vision Care Nexus Award

Wes Kristopher Immler, OD

### Interstate Optical Nexus Award

Lindsay Marie Elking, OD

### Rooney Optical Nexus Award

Alyssa M. Childers, OD

### Shamir Insight Dispensing Award

Kelly Jo Makley, OD

### VSP Labs Dispensing Award

Jody L. Mathews, OD

### Innovative Dispensing Award

*Sponsored by Toledo Optical and Silhouette*  
Alex Dominic Nixon, OD

### Global Achievement Dispensing Award

*Sponsored by Luxottica*  
Christie Marie Grieshop, OD

### Marchon Practice Management Award of Excellence

Molly R. McDonald, OD

### Honorary Class Achievement Award

*Sponsored by Safilo*

### Optelec and ShopLowVision.com Low Vision Clinical Excellence Award

*Sponsored by Optelec*  
Amanda K. Huston, OD, MS

### Eschenbach Award for Excellence in Low Vision

*Sponsored by Eschenbach Optik of America*  
Adam Joseph Wood, OD

### Low Vision Practice Excellence Awards

*Sponsored by grateful patients of the OSU Vision Rehabilitation Service*

Karen Elaine Marshall, OD

Jody L. Mathews, OD

Sierra Garcia, OD

### William Feinbloom Low Vision Award

*Sponsored by Designs for Vision*  
Jeffrey Alan Unterbrink, OD

### 2012 Graduate of the Year

Mallory Kuchem, OD, MS



2012 Graduate of the Year Mallory Kuchem (OD/MS'12) with Dean Shipp.



Kelly Jo Makley (OD'12), Pete Mastores from Volk Lenses, Jillian Meadows (OD/MS'12), and Dawn Goedde (OD'04)





# Events

## OF THE EVENING



Eyewear Gallery Award winners Christie Grieshop, Alex Nixon, Alyssa Childers, Kelly Jo Makley, Assistant Clinic Director Jeff Rohlf, Jody Mathews, Molly McDonald, Wes Immler, and Lindsay Dieffenbauger

### SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS



Bob Newcomb was presented with a gift from the Class of 2012 - a clock engraved with his motto "It's time to save some vision."

## AWARDS



Alyssa Childers, Karen Marshall, Krystal Long, Sierra Garcia, Mandy Krug, Amanda Huston, and Mallory Kuchem  
Wes Immler, Chelsea Schmidt, Lindsay Dieffenbauger, Jillian Meadows, Erin Berg, and Garrett Howell  
Doug Wiersma, Molly McDonald, Jeffrey Unterbrink, Angela Brown, Andrew Noble, Dave Johnson, Ryan Corte



Jolyn Tran receiving the GP Lens Institute Clinical Excellence Award from Andrew Emch (OD/MS'08)



Gold Key Members David Johnson, Krystal Long, Lindsay Dieffenbauger, Amanda Huston, Jillian Meadows, and Mallory Kuchem with Greg Nixon (OD'96)

## CELEBRATE!



Alex Nixon receiving the Innovative Dispensing Award from Jeff Rohlf



Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Clinical Excellence Award winner Jocelyn LaRoche with Mike Earley (OD'88, PhD'92)



Interstate Optical Nexus Award winner Lindsay Elking with Scott Motley and Bill Woodrow



William Feinbloom Low Vision Award winner Jeff Unterbrink with Roanne Flom, OD



VSP Labs Dispensing Award winner Jody Mathews with VSP rep Jan Donihoo



Community Outreach Award for Clinical Excellence winner Mandy Krug with Jackie Davis (OD'81, MPH)



Global Achievement Dispensing Award winner Christie Grieshop with Luxottica rep Eric Budendorf



## Dean's Advisory Council Member: Richard Marquardt, OD

In the Spring of 2008, Dean Melvin Shipp established a Dean's Advisory Council (DAC). The council's primary purpose is to offer professional insight and business acumen to assist Dean Shipp as he leads the College and responds to the ever-changing needs of students, faculty, staff, and the community.

In recognition of their personal and professional experiences and achievements, as well as their capacity to influence constituencies and stakeholders, Dean Shipp appointed twelve members to serve on the DAC. One of the members is **Richard Marquardt (OD '97)**.

Dr. Marquardt is the third of six children raised in Mansfield, OH by his mother, Betty, and his father, Dr. Jack Marquardt, who practiced ophthalmology. The family lived on a farm with 40 quarter horses, and Dr. Marquardt competed nationally in the sport of reining, in which contestants run horses through patterns of circles, spins, and stops. In the '80's, he won first place in reining at the All American Quarter Horse Congress, the largest single breed horse show in the world. He also enjoyed sailing, skiing, windsurfing, and cycling. The most influential person in his life was his grandfather, Pop Pop, who lived on the farm with his family while Dr. Marquardt was growing up. Pop Pop provided a model of generosity and love of other people that Dr. Marquardt still follows in the practice of optometry as well as in the rest of his life.

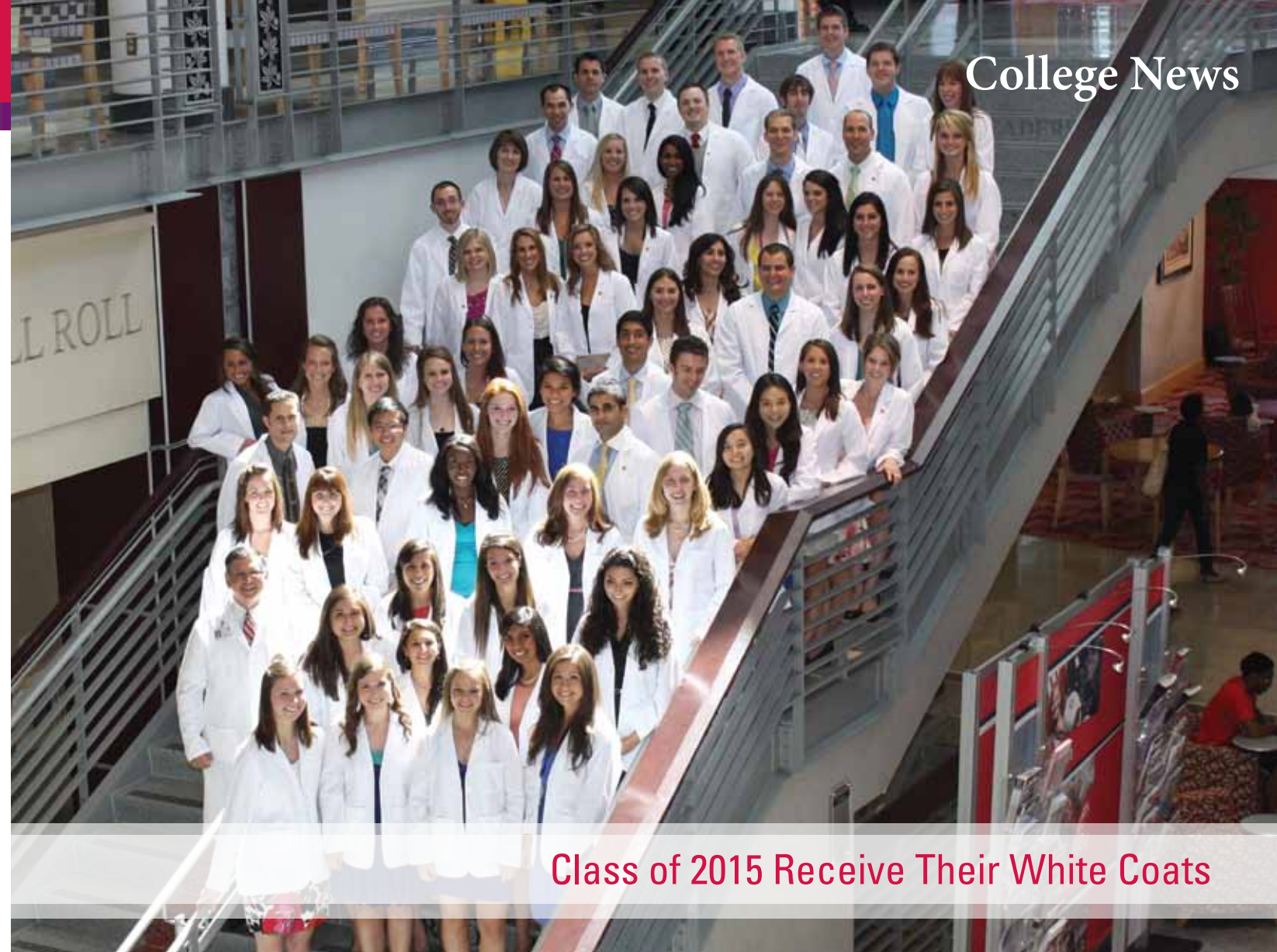
In 1993, Dr. Marquardt graduated from John Carroll University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. While earning his B.S., he worked in Research in Vascular Cell Biology at the Cleveland Clinic. Although he enjoyed the work, he really wanted more immediate interaction with the patients. He decided to become an optometrist after legislation was passed that expanded the scope of practice to therapeutics. He graduated from the Ohio State University College of Optometry in 1997. Of his experience with OSU Optometry, he says, "Not only was it an excellent education, but it provided [me with] role models of successful optometrists [and]... connections to [my] mentors, **Wayne Collier (OD'65)** and **Stan Lutz (OD'63)**." Dr.



Marquardt went on to practice at Ohio Eye Associates in Mansfield, where he still works today. When he's not in the clinic, he spends his time with his wife, Cathy, and their three children: Ana, Foster, and Marissa.

While Dr. Marquardt was at OSU, he served as a Student Representative on the OSU Optometry Alumni Board. Later, he also served as President of the Alumni Board for seven years. During that time he co-chaired the Raise the Roof Campaign with Dr. Karla Zadnik and raised \$12,000,000.00 for the Wildermuth Expansion. He has also served as a Zone Governor for the Ohio Optometric Association and an Extern Preceptor for OSU, supervising graduates from the College of Optometry who are pursuing their licenses.

Dr. Marquardt believes there is bright future for optometry because the current levels of education and legislation allow optometrists to practice the most advanced care and provide the best service to an aging population.



**Class of 2015 Receive Their White Coats**

Sixty-two first-year students in Dr. Robert Newcomb's Optometry 402 course, Rights and Responsibilities of Optometrists, received their white clinic coats in a formal ceremony held at the Ohio Union on June 8. The class is composed of 46 women and 16 men, whose ages ranged from 21 to 35. They represent 16 different states and one foreign country; and they completed their pre-optometry coursework at 32 different colleges and universities across the nation. The class had the highest student undergraduate GPA (3.60) of any optometry school or college in the US! Over 350 proud family members and friends attended the 11th annual event, some of whom traveled more than 1,500 miles to be there.

Cordial and inspirational remarks were given by **Dean Melvin Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH**, **Roger Saneholtz (OD '74)**, President of the Optometry Alumni and Friends organization, and Dr. Brenda Montecalvo (OD, FCOVD, FAAO), President-Elect of the Ohio Optometric Association. The coats were then presented by **Bob Newcomb (OD '71, MPH)** and **Mike Earley**

**(OD/MS '88, PhD '92)**, Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs and Director of Clinics.

Engraved silver candy dishes – and a box of buckeyes – were given to each speaker as thank-you gifts by the Class President, **Josh Wolf ('15)**. And since Dr. Newcomb officially retired on May 31, Josh also surprised him with a large photograph of the Class of 2015 with every member's well-wishes hand-written around the edges.

The Real Deal, an a cappella local quarter of women who sing in the barbershop harmony style, sang *The National Anthem*, *America the Beautiful*, the *Buckeye Battle Cry*, and the OSU Alma Mater, *Carmen Ohio*.

A reception on the third floor of the Student Union, which was co-sponsored by the Ohio Optometric Association and the Optometry Alumni and Friends organization, followed the one-hour and fifteen minute ceremony. The white coats were provided by a generous grant from Vision Service Plan (VSP).



## 2012 Diversity Leadership Symposium: Transforming Campuses to Become Authentically Inclusive Communities

The 2012 Diversity Leadership Symposium: Transforming Campuses to Become Authentically Inclusive Communities took place at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center on April 20. It was the result of the combined efforts of the College of Optometry, the College of Food Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), the Towers Agricultural Honorary, OSU Extension, the College of Nursing, the OSU Multicultural Center, and the National Coalition Building Institute.

The symposium, a full day of interactive presentations and panel discussions, addressed a wide array of topics related to enhancing the experience of all faculty, staff, and students on Ohio's college campuses. Topics were focused on moving beyond simply appreciating diversity or differences to understanding power dynamics and history.

The objectives of the symposium included:

- Development of intercultural competence as a skill set for successful leadership
- Creating a safe space for authentic dialogue within, across, and between groups
- Development of a deeper understanding of the dynamic between power and oppression

The keynote address was presented by Dr. Terrell Strayhorn, Associate Professor of Higher Education, OSU College of Education and Human Ecology. The title of his presentation was "Ethical Ambitions: One Scholar's Unapologetic Defense for Diversity and Inclusion in the 21st Century," which emphasized the

importance of creating an environment for our diverse students that fosters feelings of belonging, respect, value, and connectedness to others. He discussed how to create educationally purposeful interactions that interrupt current biases, and encouraged symposium participants to connect the information learned at the symposium to a better understanding of themselves.

Dr. Jackie Davis, Assistant Professor and Director of Outreach and Engagement at the College of Optometry, provided an interactive presentation on "Health Care Disparities in 2012: on Track or Derailed." The health care disparities involve a lack of equity, an impact on life expectancy and quality, and they can be the result of institutionalized racism.

Other speakers included: Dr. Renay Scales, Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine Director of Faculty Development and Assistant Professor of Family Medicine, who discussed "Identifying and Addressing Academic Bullying" and Joseph Mairano, OSU Extension Family and Consumer Sciences Educator, who provided a presentation on "Moving Beyond Diversity: Leadership that Examines and Struggles Against Privilege."

Students from the College of Optometry Student Volunteers of Optometric Service to Humanity (SVOSH) and students from the CFAES Department of Agricultural Communication Education and Leadership Cultural Proficiency course provided information on how immersion experiences in different cultures can transform attitudes and behaviors. The student presenters from the College of Optometry were Nicole Klein, Paul Bingham, and Victoria Piamonte.

## Dean Melvin Shipp Named Optometrist of the Year

Dean Melvin Shipp received this year's annual American Optometric Association (AOA) award for Optometrist of the Year. Dean Shipp, who was named Ohio's Optometrist of the Year by the Ohio Optometric Association, received the award at the Opening General Session of the 115th Annual AOA Congress & 42nd Annual AOSA Conference: Optometry's Meeting® held in Chicago, Ill., June 28, 2012.

Dr. Shipp, who has served as Dean of The Ohio State University College of Optometry since 2004, is a 1972 graduate of Indiana University School of Optometry. He received his Masters of Public Health from Harvard University in 1980 and his Doctor of Public Health from the University of Michigan in 1996.

Shipp served in the United States Navy on active duty from 1972-1976 as Chief of Optometry Service in Port Hueneme, California. He continued to serve in the Naval Reserves in many capacities, including Optometry Officer, Commanding Officer and Professional School Liaison Officer until 2001.

He is currently the president of the American Public Health Association. He is the first optometrist to serve in this position.

Shipp is a past president of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry and served as a member of the national board of directors of Prevent Blindness America. He is also a member of the National Optometric Association and served as chair of the continuing education committee twice. He is currently a member of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry.

He is an inductee in the National Optometry Hall of Fame, received the American Academy of Optometry Koch Medal, the National Optometric Association Founder's Award, the National Optometric Association Optometrist of the Year Award and the AOSA Teaching Award for Excellence in Clinical Instruction. Throughout his career, Dr. Shipp has received more than 25 awards and honors.



## Dr. Robert "Buckeye Bob" Newcomb Retires

Family and friends turned out on Wednesday, May 30, to celebrate **Bob Newcomb's (OD'71, MPH)** Ohio State career. One of the most ardent Buckeye fans ever, Dr. Newcomb affected many lives as a clinical professor and director of the residency program. He also served as the inaugural Vision Service Plan (VSP) Chair for the Advancement of Professional Practice.

The classroom in 22 Fry Hall served as Dr. Newcomb's chosen setting for the reception, since he said that the ground floor of Fry was where he started his optometric career. Family, friends, colleagues, and former and current students attended, along with surprise guest, Brutus Buckeye, who posed for photos with Buckeye Bob, his wife Pam and his son Nick, along with many others.

The Class of 2012 honored Dr. Newcomb with a retirement gift presentation at their graduation/awards banquet at the Columbus Athenaeum on Friday, June 8th, and they also requested that Dr. Newcomb lead the singing of "Carmen, Ohio" at their Doctoral Convocation the following evening.

We wish Dr. Newcomb all the best in his retirement – "O-H!"



## AOA President Dori Carlson Visits

AOA President Dori Carlson, OD, FAAO, came to the College on May 1-2 as part of her "20/20 Tour" of schools and colleges of optometry.

When Dr. Carlson assumed the office of AOA President, she made a commitment to visit all 20 schools and colleges of optometry in 20 months. In recognition of this significant accomplishment, students Danny Mack and Ryan Corte, national President of the American Optometric Student Association, presented her with a poster containing pictures of Dr. Carlson at each of the 20 schools.

While here, Dr. Carlson met with faculty, student leaders, and students at several different events.

Dr. Carlson is a graduate of Pacific University College of Optometry. She completed a residency at the American Lake and Seattle VA Hospitals. In 1994, she was honored as the North Dakota Young Optometrist of the Year and as the Optometrist of the Year in 2003. She is in private practice in Park River and Grafton, North Dakota.



Danny Mack ('14) and Ryan Corte (OD'12) present Dori Carlson with a map showing her visits to all the 20 schools and colleges of optometry.



Dr. Dori Carlson meeting with students during her visit.



Dr. Dori Carlson with OSU students



Michele Bondurant, *Program Manager-Special Events*, Cheria Dial, *(former) Associate Director, Honors and Scholars Center*, Sally Haltom, *Diana Lantz, Program Assistant, Special Events*, and Dean Shipp

## Haltom Receives University Distinguished Staff Award

Congratulations to Sally Haltom, Director of Student Affairs, for receiving a University Distinguished Staff Award. As many of you already know, Sally truly lives out the idea of "going above and beyond." She consistently provides exceptional service to everyone with whom she works. Sally is one of twelve recipients across campus who will be recognized during the OSU vs. Purdue game in October.

## Barbara Pyle Retires

Mrs. Barbara Pyle, Administrative Assistant to the Dean, whose pleasant disposition and gracious smile greeted visitors to the Dean's Office for close to 15 years, retired at the end of March. Barbara was known across campus as a gracious person who always found a way to put people of all walks of life at ease, who always had a kind word and a positive outlook, and who went skiing down the slopes of Telluride, Colorado, at least once a year for decades. She also served as a member of the University Staff Advisory Committee, Faculty/Staff Christian Fellowship, and as a volunteer and teacher for NAMI (National Association for Mental Illness).

Several members of her immediate family, staff from across the University who have worked with Barbara over the years, emeritus deans, and faculty members, joined together on March 30 to celebrate her years of service.



Geoff Wiggins, director of information technology, and his wife welcomed Benjamin Daniel at 3:10p.m. on April 28, 2012.



Vision Science 781, Global Issues in Eye Care

Vision Science 781, Global Issues in Eye Care, is part of the series of courses offered to fulfill the requirements for the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Global Health, a university-wide program that helps current OSU graduate and professional students prepare to be active participants in the advancement of global health. This course is designed for students who do not have a background in eye care. It provides an overview of the common causes of vision impairment and eye disease, as well as the means to eliminate avoidable blindness.

This year is the third year that Global Issues in Eye Care has been offered by the College of Optometry and co-instructed by Drs. Marjean Taylor Kulp and Barbara Fink. Presentations are provided by a diverse group of guest speakers, including optometrists from the College of Optometry and community, ophthalmologists, and representatives of eye care organizations.

The schedule for the spring quarter, 2012 course was as follows:

TOPIC	SPEAKER
Introduction and Overview of common vision disorders	Marjean T Kulp, OD, MS
Overview of standard-of-care treatments for common eye and vision disorders	Gil Pierce, OD, PhD
Epidemiology of Global Eye Diseases	Barbara Fink, OD, PhD
Models for Making a Difference in Global Eye and Vision Care: Sustainable medical model in Jamaica providing vision care	Doug McCloy, OD
Nutrition and Vision	Nancy Stevens, MS, RD, LD
The World Health Organization's VISION 20/20: The Right to Sight global initiative to eliminate avoidable blindness	Mel Shipp, OD, DrPH
Global Visual Impairment: Case Study Albinism	Roanne Flom, OD
Models for Making a Difference in Global Eye and Vision Care: VOSH	Larry Hookway, OD
Models for Making a Difference in Global Eye and Vision Care: Ophthalmological Mission Trips to Ghana	Becky Kuennen, MD
Overview of the Association Between Eye and Systemic Health	Jackie Davis, OD, MPH
Vision and Eye Disease Screening in Adults	
Low Vision and the Malawi Experience	Sarah Yoest, OD
Student presentations on Models for Making a Difference in Global Eye and Vision Care	
Eye Safety and Protection	Gregory Good, OD, PhD
Culturally Competent Eye and Vision Care	Barbara Fink, OD, PhD
Models for Making a Difference in Global Eye and Vision Care: OneSight	Jason Singh, OD

Students come from diverse backgrounds in health care professions and graduate school programs. They participate in classroom discussions, present papers on organizations involved in global eye care, and write a final research paper on a global issue in eye care. Speaker presentations have been recorded and are available for the students to study.

Initial funding for the first three years of the course came from the Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Global Health program. The College of Optometry will continue to offer this important course to help students in health care understand causes of and treatments for visual impairment.

Seventy five percent of blindness and visual impairment occurs in the poor and very poor communities of the world, and 75% of blindness and visual impairment is a result of five preventable or treatable conditions. It is estimated that there are more than 670 million people in the world who are blind or vision impaired due to a need for glasses alone. Vision can affect quality of life, ability to read, and ability to perform some occupations. Lack of education regarding vision care and eye health is frequently a barrier to good eye health.

Myers Lecture 2012

This year's guest speaker at the Jeffrey and Joyce Myers Lecture Series will be Kovin Naidoo, BSc, BOptom, OD, MPH. Dr. Naidoo graduated from the University of Durban-Westville, South Africa, where he obtained his Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Optometry degrees. He earned a Masters in Public Health degree from Temple University and a Doctorate of Optometry degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. He is currently an Associate Professor of Optometry at the University of KwaZulu Natal in South Africa.

Dr. Naidoo is an academic, a former anti-apartheid activist and political prisoner, a Fulbright Scholar, and an internationally-celebrated public health leader. He was also elected an Ashoka Fellow for his social entrepreneurial efforts in addressing the needs of those less privileged. In recognition of his vast efforts, he was granted the African Optometrist of the Year Award in 2002 and the International Optometrist of the Year Award in 2007.

Dr. Naidoo is a member of the World Council of Optometry Governing Board, the Global Program Director of the International Center for Eye Care Education (ICEE), Head of the African Vision Research Institute (AVRI), Chair of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness in Africa, Chair of the Red Cross Air Mercy Services, and the founder and Chair of the KwaZulu-Natal Eye Care Coalition to establish cataract surgical services in the public sector.

The Jeffrey and Joyce Myers Lecture Series was established through a generous gift from Dr. Jeffrey and Mrs. Joyce Myers. Their intent is to sponsor one lecture per academic year during the autumn semester featuring a guest speaker from outside The Ohio State University with special expertise across the domains of optometry and vision science. Dr. Myers, a graduate of The Ohio State University College of Optometry Class of 1984, is a private-practice optometrist in central Ohio.



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This year's Distinguished Alumnus Award will be presented to **Joseph Barr (OD'77, MS'79)**. You are invited to join fellow alumni and friends on Friday, September 14 at the banquet to celebrate his achievements.



### Focus on Clinic Staff:

#### Alysia Benson, Freda Dallas, Brandy Williams, and Sheree Wynn

Alysia Benson, Freda Dallas, Brandy Williams, and Sheree Wynn are four of the optometric technicians who work in our OSU campus optometry clinic and enrich the lives of the students, faculty, and patients with whom they work.



Alysia Benson is Service Coordinator for the Vision Rehabilitation/Low Vision Service. Her responsibilities include: scheduling patients, working with third parties (Medicaid, Care Source, Bureau of Services of the Visually Impaired, Bureau of Motor Vehicles, and others), and communication with referring doctors. She started working at the College of Optometry in July of 2008. She has a B.S. in Aviation Human Factors in Ergonomics from The Ohio State University, and confesses that she bleeds scarlet and gray. She is a Licensed Dispensing Optician (LDO). Since 1998, she has worked in private practice optometry, for Lens Crafters, and for Ohio State School for the Blind. Her favorite part of her work is making a difference in the lives of others, and she gets to do this on a daily basis.



Freda Dallas is Service Coordinator for the Pediatric and Binocular Vision Services. She started working at the College of Optometry in August of 2003. She serves patients of all ages, including infants, and assists patients with tropias, aniseikonia, traumatic brain injury, and stroke. She enjoys being the first point of contact for these patients, providing education and calming their fears. She is in charge of scheduling, check out, payments, and referrals. She likes to teach students about office management and how to interact with patients, such as performing an eye exam on an uncooperative child. She also helps with Dr. Marjean Taylor Kulp's research projects by serving as research coordinator. She decided she wanted to be an optometrist at age 12, then switched gears, and was in the first optometric tech class at Fort Hayes Career Center. She spent two years at Franklin University in business management. She married, had children, and then returned to work for White Haines Optical, Select Optical, Ohio State Optical, 20-20 Eye Care (as head manager and area manager), and Michael Berk Eye Care. She is a licensed optician and is currently on the dean's list as a junior at DeVry University in health service management. She is also a wedding coordinator, has three children, three grandchildren, and one grandchild on the way. She was widowed in 2009 and is writing a book called "Changing Lanes," about the changes in her life. She admits that she does not sit still.



Brandy Williams is an instructing LDO and works in the Eyewear Gallery for Great Vision. She assists students with frame adjustments, repairs, dispenses, and frame ordering. She advises students on frame lines to put in their future practices, how to work with frame representatives, and how to run a dispensary. She verifies orders upon arrival from the labs, inventories the frames, and stocks the frames. She started working at the College of Optometry in August 2006. She started working as an optician while still a student at Groveport Madison High School. She worked at D.O.C. Eyeworld in a two-year apprenticeship program to become an LDO. She worked her way up through the ranks to become store manager. She also worked at Sears Optical in Pickerington and at Tuttle Mall. She has a nine-year-old son, Jared, who is involved in U-10 Central Ohio Youth Baseball League travel baseball for the Hamilton Township Rangers. She is taking courses at DeVry University to work on her bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in human resources. She enjoys camping and spending time with her family in West Virginia.



Sheree Wynn has a bachelor of science in business administration from Ohio Dominican University. She is currently in graduate school at Ohio Dominican, working on her master's in business administration, expecting to complete in March, 2013. She plans to pursue a Ph.D. from there. She has worked in the Eyewear Gallery for Great Vision since December, 1998. She instructs interns in practice management, optical measurements, frame selection, and frame repair. She also does billing preparation, customer service, and handles orders from all over the United States and abroad for the near testing cards that are produced at OSU. Previously, she has worked as an apprentice optician at Wal-Mart Vision and as an administrative assistant at Owens Illinois-Nippon Electric Glass. She and her husband Michael will celebrate twenty years of marriage on October 11, 2012. Their daughter, Shyla Marie Wynn, graduated from St. Francis DeSales High School this June and plans to attend the University of Akron to study business administration, with a focus in marketing.



**1953** **Burton Berk (BS’53, OD’77)** passed away on July 7, 2012. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margery, and is survived by daughter, Debbie (Jerry) Harr; sons, Bruce (Jenny), Mickey (Tami) and Larry; grandchildren, Micah (Andrea), Jason (Kelsy), Mollie, Joey, Audre, Sam, Max, Joshua, Lena, Lola and Ben; great grandchildren, Mitchell, Kayla, Bryce and Lucy; nieces and nephews.

Dr. Berk was a longtime contributor to the Class of 1953 Scholarship.

**1988** **Karen Winters Schwartz (OD’88)** celebrated the release of her novel, “Reis’s Pieces: Love, Loss, and Schizophrenia,” at her book release party on Sunday, May 20, 2012. Donations helped raise money for NAMI Syracuse. “Continually shifting between past and present, Reis’s Pieces...examines what transpires when all someone has ever known...deteriorates right in front of him. How does one who has lost everything...learn to...live life again after a diagnosis of schizophrenia? Reis’s Pieces...explores one man’s struggle for his place in an altered world and two women’s search for their place in his.”

**2003** **Nicky Y. Lai (OD, MS’03)**, clinical associate professor, and his wife welcomed Andy Lai at 11:35a.m. on April 30, 2012.

**2006** **Aaron B. Zimmerman (OD’06, MS’08)**, clinical assistant professor, and his wife, Amanda, welcomed Leo Matthew at 12:58p.m. on May 24, 2012.



**Jennifer (Sadler) Felbinger (OD’01)** has her husband Kent (OSU’96) photograph their children Olivia, age 7 and Quinn, age 5, dot the l on their lawn in Port Clinton, Ohio in March 2012.



Andy Lai

**2006** **Michelle J. Buckland (OD’06, MS’08)**, clinical assistant professor, and her husband welcomed Graham Quinn on March 29, 2012.



Graham Buckland

Current Opportunities for Pediatric and Binocular Vision Patients

You can help us answer important questions in vision care by referring potentially eligible children to the studies below. Please contact Dr. Marjean Kulp at 614-688-3336 or kulp.6@osu.edu for further information.

Research Project	Question	Who’s Eligible?	Benefits Provided at No Cost
Hyperopia in Preschoolers (HIP)	What is the effect of uncorrected hyperopia on visual and educational skills in 4- to 5-year-old children?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Age 4 or 5 years</li><li>• Enrolled in preschool or kindergarten</li><li>• No prior/current glasses wear</li><li>• Moderate hyperopia (+3D to +6D in any meridian based on wet refraction) in at least one eye</li><li>• Astigmatism ≤1.5D and anisometropia ≤1D</li><li>• No IEP</li><li>• No strabismus or amblyopia</li></ul>	Comprehensive vision exam and educational testing at no cost, travel payments (\$25, \$30) and parking pass
Hyperopia Treatment Study (HTS1)	Should glasses for hyperopia be prescribed right away or only if other problems occur?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Age 12 to &lt;60 months</li><li>• No prior/current glasses wear</li><li>• Moderate hyperopia (+3.00D to +6.00D SE based on wet refraction) in at least one eye</li><li>• Astigmatism and anisometropia ≤1.5D</li><li>• No strabismus or amblyopia</li></ul>	Follow-up exams at no cost, travel payments (\$40) parking pass Glasses for those in glasses group and those who develop other vision problems
Amblyopia Treatment Study (ATS)	Observational study for a child who needs glasses and is interested in participating in an ATS treatment study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unilateral amblyopia</li><li>• Children &lt; 8 years</li></ul>	Glasses and follow-up visits at no cost, parking pass
Amblyopia Treatment Study (ATS16)	Does removing the correction from the glasses for the good eye improve the weak eye more than just continuing atropine alone?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children 3 to &lt; 8 years</li><li>• 20/50 to 20/400 amblyopic eye if pre-treatment or currently being treated</li><li>• 20/40 to 20/160 amblyopic eye VA with 2 lines of IOD or 20/32 with 3 lines of IOD if stable on treatment</li><li>• 20/32 or better in good eye</li><li>• Currently undergoing no amblyopia therapy or 2hrs/patching a day or atropine</li><li>• No simultaneous patching &amp; atropine</li><li>• Maximum of 2hrs/day patching OR atropine qd in last 6 mo.</li></ul>	Treatment visits and patches or atropine, travel payments (\$30) and parking pass (glasses also can be provided through another study if this is a first time Rx or a change is needed)
Intermittent Exotropia Study 2 (IXT2)	What is the natural history of IXT and how effective is occlusion?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children 12 months - &lt;11 years</li><li>• Intermittent exotropia with no previous treatment other than refractive correction</li><li>• Random dot stereopsis of 400” or better</li><li>• No hyperopia &gt; +3.50 D; no amblyopia</li><li>• Willingness to be in observation group for 3 years (unless IXT deteriorates)</li></ul>	Vision exams at no cost, Patches at no cost for those in the occlusion group, travel payments (\$30) and parking pass
Convergence Insufficiency Treatment Study (CITS)	Which home-based therapy is best to treat children with symptomatic convergence insufficiency? (4:1 real:placebo therapy)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children ages 9 to 17</li><li>• Symptomatic convergence insufficiency</li><li>• Exophoria at least 4pd greater at near</li><li>• Receded NPC ≥6cm; reduced positive fusional vergences</li><li>• Access to computer and internet</li></ul>	12 wks therapy at no cost; those symptomatic at 12 weeks will be offered alternative therapy; travel payments

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